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Bob and Jim,

This is to follow-up on my email earlier today transmitting EPA's comments on the LWG's draft BERA. As noted in the cover letter, EPA expects to provide any additional comments on the BERA by January 11th. These include a couple of additional summary tables for the executive summary, and any additional changes to the text of the BERA. In consideration of the upcoming holidays and the January 11 2013 date for additional comments from EPA, we are providing a couple of clarifications:

1) The fourteen-day clock for raising disputes on our BERA comments will not start until January 15, 2013. The dispute deadline will therefore be January 29, 2013. However, EPA fully expects that the LWG will be proceeding with work on the BERA modifications, and EPA will be available to discuss any questions or concerns during that time, as well as through the completion deadline.

2) As described in my previous email, EPA recognizes that completing the BERA will include making a few changes to the versions of the Executive Summary and Section 11 Conclusions that were provided today. Although it might be useful to focus on significant revisions to those sections early, EPA is not requiring the LWG to finalize those sections prior to completing the other changes in the BERA.

thanks,
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